

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended). An accounting system including an accounting center and a terminal device for communicating with the accounting center, comprising:

a first memory ~~included in~~ built in the terminal device and adapted to store accounting point information;

a second memory included in the terminal device and ~~adapted~~ configured to store information received from an external source external to the terminal device;

a first controller included in the terminal device and ~~formed~~ configured to update the accounting point information stored in the first memory and to update attributes of the received information when the received information is stored in the second memory,

wherein when the received information is stored into the second memory the first controller reduces the accounting point information stored in the first memory and updates the attributes of the received information from an unavailable state to an available state; and

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a second controller included in the terminal device and formed
configured to transmit the accounting point information stored in
the first memory to the accounting center and to set the accounting
point information to an initial value based on an accounting
processing status, received by the terminal device from the
accounting center, corresponding to the accounting point
information, wherein the accounting center performs an accounting
process based on the accounting point information transmitted from
the terminal device.

Claims 2-3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Previously Presented). The accounting system as
claimed in claim 1, wherein when the accounting point information
stored in the first memory is below a minimum for the first
received information stored in the second memory, the controller
performs control so that the attributes of the received information
are held in the unavailable state to a user.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented). The accounting system as
claimed in claim 1, wherein when the accounting point information
stored in the first memory is below a minimum for the received
information stored in the second memory, the second controller
transmits the accounting point information stored in the first

memory to the accounting center and sets the accounting point information stored in the first memory at the initial value based on the status of accounting processing corresponding to the accounting point information.

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Claim 6 (Canceled).

Claim 7 (Previously Presented). The accounting system as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a third controller for making a request for purchasing the accounting point information to the accounting center and updating the accounting point information stored in the first memory based on the accounting processing status corresponding to the accounting point information received from the accounting center.

Claims 8-12 (Canceled).
